

SPS/TBT Notifications Affecting Agricultural Trade

Listed below are proposed changes in international agricultural, food and related standards as notified via the World Trade Organization; The first table provides a summary of all notifications; Individual details follow separately. Interested parties may a full text of any notification for review and COMMENT; simply check the "Request a Copy" check box next to the Notification a return by fax (202) 690-0677 to the attention of Deborah A. Thompson, Food Safety Technical Services Division in USDA/FAS

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Type	WTO Number	Product	Country	FSTSD #	Request a Copy
SPS	KEN/2/Add.1	Day-old Chicks from Mauritius	Kenya	01.0282.A1	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	EEC/131/Add	Plants and Plant Products	European Union	01.0407.A1	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	NZL/153/Add.	Pig Meat Products	New Zealand	01.0459.A1	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	CHL/89	Lemons from Israel	Chile	01.0488	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	CHL/90	Fresh Citrus Fruits, not Lemons, from Israel	Chile	01.0489	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	CHL/91	Persimmons from Israel	Chile	01.0490	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	BHR/1	Flour and Bakery Products	Bahrain	01.0491	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	BHR/3	Refined and Pomace Olive Oils	Bahrain	01.0492	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	FJI/2	Poultry and Products	Fiji	01.0493	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	CAN/117	Pesticide: Metsulfuron-methyl	Canada	01.0494	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	CAN/118	Pesticide: Azoxystrobin	Canada	01.0495	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	CAN/119	Pesticide: Myclobutanil	Canada	01.0496	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	CAN/120	Pesticide: Tribenuron-methyl	Canada	01.0497	<input type="checkbox"/>

FSTSD # - 01.0282.A1 Country - Kenya Product - Day-old Chicks from Mauritius
Comment Deadline Date - Enforcement Date - WTO Type/Number - SPS KEN/2/Add
Objective - Animal Health
Description - ADDENDUM reads: The emergency measure taken on 15 March 2001 against importation of day old chicks from Mauritius has been lifted with effect from 23 July 2001.
 A risk assessment indicated that there is no current threat of introducing Avian Encephalomyelitis into Kenya by chicks from Mauritius.

FSTSD # - 01.0407.A1 Country - European Union Product - Plants and Plant Products
Comment Deadline Date - 9/15/01 Enforcement Date - WTO Type/Number - SPS EEC/131/A
Objective - Plant Protection
Description - ADDENDUM reads: The final date for comments has been extended to 15 September 2001 (instead of 31 August).

FSTSD # - 01.0459.A1 Country - New Zealand Product - Pig Meat Products
Comment Deadline Date - Enforcement Date - 09/01/01 WTO Type/Number - SPS NZL/153/A
Objective - Animal Health
Description - ADDENDUM reads: A number of countries including Canada, Denmark, Mexico (state of Sonora) and the United States of America, for which current import health standards exist,

have a disease called porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS). This disease is not present in New Zealand, Australia or Sweden. Provisional measures were taken (G/SPS/N/NZL/153 - 9 August 2001) following the consideration of new research data from the Netherlands (commissioned by Australia) which indicates that the virus can be spread to healthy animals if they eat sufficient quantities of the uncooked meat. Following receipt of this research data, MAF Biosecurity Authority began a review of the risks of introducing PRRS into New Zealand in imported pig meat.

Our review concluded that the newly identified risk was not inconsequential and, therefore, we had to act appropriately within the framework of the regulatory tools available to us. Accordingly, new import health standards containing the provisional measures have been issued and following the transitional period for entry under the conditions of the existing import health standards, the existing import health standards were revoked on 1 September 2001 as notified to WTO members in G/SPS/N/NZL/153.

Pursuant to section 22 (1) of the Biosecurity Act 1993, the following import health standards, dated 31 August 2001, have been issued:

1. The following import health standards, which previously only contained cooking as a treatment, have been amended to include a pH treatment in the transitional facility section. They have also been re-titled as "processed pig meat" rather than "cooked pig meat":

(a) MEACPOIC.CAN - Processed pig meat products for human consumption from Canada (12 pages)

(b) MEACPOIC.USA - Processed pig meat products for human consumption from the USA (12 pages)

(c) MEACPOIC.DEN - Processed pig meat products for human consumption from Denmark (12 pages)

These replace the import health standards of the same code, dated 23 July 2001.

4. A new import health standard has been issued to allow for the importation of processed pig meat products for human consumption from Mexico:

(a) MEACPOIC.MEX - Processed pig meat products for human consumption from Mexico (12 pages)

3. The following import health standards have been amended to include safeguards against porcine reproductive & respiratory syndrome (PRRS). A clause relating to treatment of the pork in a transitional facility (clause 9) has been added:

(a) INEPPPIC.NAM - Frozen pig by-products from Canada and the USA (12 pages). Replaces the IHS INNEPPPIC.ALL, dated 3 August 1998

(b) MEAPORIC.CAN - Unprocessed pig meat products for human consumption from Canada (12 pages). Replaces the IHS dated 16 August 2000

(c) MEAPORIC.DEN - Unprocessed pig meat products for human consumption

FSTSD # - 01.0459.A1 **Country - New Zealand** **Product - Pig Meat Products**
from Denmark (12 pages). Replaces the IHS dated 11 April 2001
(d)MEAPORIC.MEX - Unprocessed pig meat products for human consumption
from Mexico (State of Sonora) (12 pages). Replaces the IHS dated 31 January
2000
(e)MEAPORIC.USA - Unprocessed pig meat products for human consumption
from the USA (13 pages). Replaces the IHS dated 31 January 2000

The notified documents can be obtained from the New Zealand SPS Notification Authority
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FSTSD # - 01.0488 **Country - Chile** **Product - Lemons from Israel**
Comment Deadline Date - 9/21/01 **Enforcement Date - 10/08/01** **WTO Type/Number - SPS CHL/89**
Objective - Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease, Protect Territory from Other Damage
from Pests
Description - Establishes the requirements for importing lemons for consumption from Israel into Chile.

FSTSD # - 01.0489 **Country - Chile** **Product - Fresh Citrus Fruits, not Lemons, from Israel**
Comment Deadline Date - 9/21/01 **Enforcement Date - 10/08/01** **WTO Type/Number - SPS CHL/90**
Objective - Plant Protection, Protect Territory from Other Damage from Pests
Description - Establishes the requirements for importing fresh citrus fruit, other than lemons, for
consumption from Israel into Chile.

FSTSD # - 01.0490 **Country - Chile** **Product - Persimmons from Israel**
Comment Deadline Date - 9/21/01 **Enforcement Date - 10/08/91** **WTO Type/Number - SPS CHL/91**
Objective - Plant Protection, Protect Territory from Other Damage from Pests
Description - Establishes the requirements for importing persimmons for consumption from Israel into
Chile.

FSTSD # - 01.0491 **Country - Bahrain** **Product - Flour and Bakery Products**
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date - 01/31/01** **WTO Type/Number - SPS BHR/1**
Objective - Food Safety
Description - Ban of Sodium Bromate as a food additive.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s): To proven carcinogen.

FSTSD # - 01.0492 **Country - Bahrain** **Product - Refined and Pomace Olive Oils**
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date - 07/31/01** **WTO Type/Number - SPS BHR/3**
Objective - Food Safety
Description - The Ministerial Order allows only virgin olive oil with its three grades, namely virgin
premium, virgin pure, and virgin ordinary. Other types like refined and pomace are
prohibited.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s): To prevent transfer of
Benzopyrene, which is a proven carcinogen, into edible olive oil.

FSTSD # - 01.0493 **Country - Fiji** **Product - Poultry and Products**
Comment Deadline Date - 10/10/01 **Enforcement Date - 10/10/01** **WTO Type/Number - SPS FJI/2**
Objective - Food Safety, Animal Health, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease, Protect
Territory from Other Damage from Pests
Description - Poultry and poultry products with quarantine requirements for their importation.

FSTSD # - 01.0494 **Country** - Canada **Product** - Pesticide: Metsulfuron-methyl
Comment Deadline Date - 10/31/01 **Enforcement Date** - **WTO Type/Number** - SPS CAN/117
Objective - Food Safety, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease
Description - Under authority of the Pest Control Products Act, the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada has approved an application for the registration of the pest control product (pesticide) metsulfuron-methyl as a herbicide for the control of snowberry, wild rose and broadleaf weeds in pasture, rangeland rough turf and non-crop areas as a post-emergent treatment. This proposed regulatory amendment would establish Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) under the Food and Drugs Act for fat, kidney, meat and meat by-products of cattle, goats and hogs, and milk to cover residues in food derived from animals fed with crops treated with metsulfuron-methyl in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that MRLs for metsulfuron-methyl, including its metabolite, of 0.5 parts per million (p.p.m.) in kidney of cattle, goats and hogs; 0.1 p.p.m. in fat, meat and meat by-products of cattle, oats and hogs; and 0.05 p.p.m. in milk would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public.

FSTSD # - 01.0495 **Country** - Canada **Product** - Pesticide: Azoxystrobin
Comment Deadline Date - 10/31/01 **Enforcement Date** - **WTO Type/Number** - SPS CAN/118
Objective - Food Safety, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease
Description - Under authority of the Pest Control Products Act, the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada has approved an application for the registration of the pest control product (pesticide) azoxystrobin as a fungicide for the control of fungal plant pathogens on grapes and rapeseed (canola) as a post-emergent treatment. This proposed regulatory amendment would establish Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) under the Food and Drugs Act for residues of azoxystrobin and its isomer resulting from this use in grapes and rapeseed (canola), and in imported bananas, peaches/nectarines, peanut oil, peanuts, pecans, tomatoes and tomato paste, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues. This proposed amendment would also establish MRLs in kidney, liver, meat and meat by-products of cattle, hogs, horses and sheep to cover residues in food derived from animals fed with crops treated with azoxystrobin.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that MRLs for azoxystrobin, including its isomer, of 3 parts per million (p.p.m.) on grapes, 1 p.p.m. on bananas and rapeseed (canola), 0.8 p.p.m. on peaches/nectarines, 0.6 p.p.m. in tomato paste, 0.3 p.p.m. in liver of cattle, hogs, horses and sheep, 0.2 p.p.m. on tomatoes, 0.06 p.p.m. in kidney of cattle, hogs, horses and sheep, 0.03 p.p.m. in peanut oil and 0.01 p.p.m. in meat and meat by-products of cattle, hogs, horses and sheep, peanuts and pecans would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public.

FSTSD # - 01.0496 **Country** - Canada **Product** - Pesticide: Myclobutanil
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date** - **WTO Type/Number** - SPS CAN/119
Objective - Food Safety, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease
Description - The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada has recently approved an application to amend the registration of myclobutanil in order to allow its use for the control of brown rot, leaf spot and powdery mildew on peppers for pre-harvest management. This proposed regulatory amendment would establish MRLs for residues of myclobutanil and its metabolites resulting from this use in peppers. This proposed amendment would also establish MRLs in dried cherries and dried peaches/nectarines, and in imported bananas, cucurbits (balsam apples, balsam pears, bitter melons, cantaloupes, casabas, chayotes, Chinese cucumbers, Chinese waxgourds, citron melons, crenshaw melons, cucumbers, golden pershaw melons, gourds (edible), honey balls, honeydew melons, mango melons, Persian melons, pineapple melons, pumpkins, Santa Claus melons, snake melons, summer squash, watermelons and winter

FSTSD # - 01.0496 **Country - Canada** **Product - Pesticide: Myclobutanil**
squash) and strawberries, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that MRLs for myclobutanil, including its metabolites, of 7 p.p.m. in dried peaches/nectarines, 4 p.p.m. in dried cherries, 2 p.p.m. in bananas, 1 p.p.m. in peppers, 0.5 p.p.m. in strawberries and 0.3 p.p.m. in cucurbits would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public.

FSTSD # - 01.0497 **Country - Canada** **Product - Pesticide: Tribenuron-methyl**
Comment Deadline Date - 10/1/01 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number - SPS CAN/120**

Objective - Food Safety, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease

Description - The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada has recently approved an application to amend the registration of tribenuron-methyl in order to allow its use for the control of grassy and broadleaf weeds in flax, oats and rapeseed (canola) as a post-emergent treatment. This proposed regulatory amendment would establish an MRL for residues of tribenuron-methyl resulting from this use in flax, oats and rapeseed (canola), in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that MRLs for tribenuron-methyl of 0.05 p.p.m. in oats and 0.02 p.p.m. in flax and rapeseed (canola) would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public. This proposed regulatory amendment would also amend the French common name, and the English and French chemical names of tribenuron-methyl in order to comply with international nomenclature conventions.

End of Report.